Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 14 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 15 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 13 Oct 2021 at 16:01 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for a change to colder but drier, brighter conditions with light winds for Friday and Saturday morning. Also high confidence for return to milder, cloudy, unsettled weather later Saturday and on Sunday.

Headline for Thursday 14 Oct 2021: Rain becoming more persistent, heavier later in morning, clearing later in afternoon. Very windy, bitterly cold on tops with extensive fog.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 14 Oct 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	20%	30%	50%	60%	60%	20%	10%

Forecast for Thursday 14 Oct 2021

Weather: Mostly cloudy overnight and for first part of Thursday morning with patchy light rain. Rain will become more persistent, heavier later in morning, clearing away later in the afternoon. Drier, clearer, colder weather following during evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance during the day, improving 70% during evening.

Visibility: Pockets of good visibility during the morning, mostly towards the Trossachs with extensive cloud cover about 700m. Misty conditions elsewhere for much of the day with clouds well down the hills and visibility becoming very poor as more persistent rain comes along. Visibility becoming good late in afternoon and evening with clouds lifting and breaking up.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	32/42 SW	33/44 SW	38/50 SW	37/49 SW	39/52 SW	33/44 W	26/34 N	23/31 N	21/27 N
900	25/34 SW	27/37 SW	28/40 SW	28/40 W	29/41 W	24/35 W	17/24 N	17/24 N	14/20 N
600	27/36 SW	30/40 SW	32/43 SW	29/41 SW	31/43 SW	23/33 W	15/21 N	15/21 N	11/17 NE
300	13/22 SW	16/26 SW	18/29 SW	17/29 SW	17/29 SW	12/21 W	10/15 N	8/13 N	5/9 NW
Glen	11/22 SW	13/27 SW	15/30 SW	14/29 SW	14/30 SW	11/25 W	6/12 N	5/13 N	4/9 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	3/-4	4/-3	4/-3	4/-2	5/-2	4/-2	0/-7	-2/-9	-3/-10
900	6/0	6/0	6/1	7/2	7/2	7/2	3/-2	1/-4	0/-5
600	8/3	8/3	8/3	9/4	9/5	9/5	5/1	3/-1	3/-1
300	10/7	10/7	10/7	11/8	11/8	11/8	8/5	6/3	5/3
Glen	12/9	12/9	12/10	13/10	13/11	13/11	10/9	8/6	6/5
Freezing Level*	1800m	1900m	2000m	2200m	2300m	2000m	1200m	1000m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Difficult walking conditions over higher ridges and summits with strong to gale force winds. Also severe chill effects exacerbated as rain becomes more persistent, heavier.

Forecast for Friday 15 Oct 2021
Weather: A much improved day across the Southwest Highlands area. All parts will be dry and bright with sunny spells and light winds. It will be cold with a frost in the glens at first and temperatures staying below freezing all day on the tops of the munros.

Maximum wind: West or northwest, average speeds of 10mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%

Visibility: Air will have great clarity resulting in excellent visibility, even more distant peaks will be clearly visible. Some patches of cloud, mainly north of area at about 800m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 Celsius rising for a short time to 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Zero Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m.

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